

ORDINANCE NO. 14750

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 79 - 2009

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November 4, 2009

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for an additional Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars be appropriated to the Emergency Medical Services Premium Pay account to pay overtime costs to paramedics who will be giving vaccinations at the Health Bureau's seasonal and H1N1 flu clinics scheduled over the remainder of this year (2009). The Pennsylvania Department of Health will reimburse the 100% for this cost.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, reflecting receipt funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to accounts in the Department of Community and Economic Development, Health Bureau as follows:

<b><u>Emergency Medical Services</u></b>	
<b>000-04-0802-0015-06 Premium Pay</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000</b>

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy		
David M. Howells, Sr.	X	
Tony Phillips	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

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CITY CLERK

## **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Health Bureau. The initiative for this bill is to increase the capacity to deliver flu vaccinations during this year by paying overtime to paramedics to give flu shots at clinics. Reimbursement for this expense will be available through the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness/ H1N1 grants.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The Health Bureau is gearing up for seasonal and H1N1 vaccination clinics. The Pennsylvania Department of Health will provide reimbursement for these clinics grants. The Health Bureau needs more manpower to provide the anticipated surge of community residents who will seek the flu shots. We intend to augment our existing staff with paramedics who will give vaccinations when off duty. We request \$5,000 to pay overtime to paramedics to work these clinics through December 31, 2009.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The bill authorizes an increase in the Emergency Medical Services account 000 04 0802 0015-06 premium pay by \$5,000.

The benefit to increasing overtime is that it will allow us to accommodate increased capacity at flu clinics.

The Bill allows us to increase manpower to meet anticipated high volume of flu clinic patients which complements the City Health Bureau mission of preventing disease and injury.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The cost will be \$5,000 in overtime drawn down as needed over the last months of 2009 and based on actual service delivery.

The benefit to the city is reduced illness, less absenteeism at school and workplaces and reduced medical cost

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health will reimburse the city 100%.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This request is a high priority, and we ask that it be considered as soon as possible because flu clinics are now being scheduled.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Flu vaccines save lives, reduce medical expenses and absenteeism and the State Health Department reimburses the entire cost.